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# Kappa Clippings

## Presidential Report from Trevor Shunk

The following are remarks that Delta Tau Delta Kappa Chapter President Trevor Shunk made at the installation banquet for Kappa Chapter:

**T**hank you, Bishop Beckwith. On behalf of Kappa Chapter I would first like to thank the representatives from Delta Tau Delta International Fraternity, who have guided our colony since its inception, and whose ideals and principles provide the foundation for our success. Next, I would like to thank the Hillsdale College administration and faculty who have either played a pivotal role in the re-chartering of Kappa Chapter, or have provided us with their invaluable support. I would like to thank the Alumni Advisory Team, whose patience, wisdom, and courage brought our fraternity back on campus, and has provided an irreplaceable foundation for our development. Finally, thank you parents, friends, alumni, fellow Greeks, and the entire Hillsdale College student body for your incredible encouragement. The chartering of Kappa Chapter would not have been possible without all of your generous and enduring support.

Tonight, I would like to share with the vision and mission of

Delta Tau Delta Kappa Chapter, our major accomplishments in the year and a half since our colonization, and the direction our fraternity will take in the coming years. Through these words, I hope to provide you with a clear and concise understanding of the Hillsdale Deltas: who we are, what we do, and why we do it.

The motto of Delta Tau Delta International Fraternity is “Committed to Lives of Excellence.” Irrevocably determined to pursue this mission, Delta Tau Delta is a brotherhood grounded in integrity and accountability to promote excellence in every area of life: spiritually, academically, and socially. The foundation for this accountability is the four pillars of the national fraternity: truth, courage, faith and power. In addition to these values, the brotherhood of Kappa Chapter exists to hold one another to both the Classical and Christian virtues. Our ultimate aim is to cultivate God-fearing, virtuous, and successful men who will use Delta Tau Delta as a stepping stone to become servant-leaders within their families, churches, and communities for the rest of their lives.

As students of Hillsdale College first, and fraternity men second, Kappa Chapter exists to further the mission of the college, excel in the liberal arts,

and uphold the Honor Code. To understand the Honor Code is to understand Kappa Chapter; their aims are one and the same. Thus, I would be remiss not to share this powerful statement of the college with you. The Honor Code reads: “A Hillsdale College student is honorable in conduct, honest in word and deed, dutiful in study and service and respectful of the rights of others. Through education, the student rises to self-government.” Rather than creating a barrier between the college and the fraternity, the men of Kappa Chapter consider our fraternity as an extension of our commitment to this Honor Code and our liberal arts education as a whole. Through the integrity and accountability of our brotherhood, Delta Tau Delta offers a beautiful forum within which the liberal arts can be taken outside of the classroom and applied to our daily lives. To succeed as a Delt means to succeed as a student of Hillsdale College; the two form a union, not a rivalry. Students of this college come here to learn, and ultimately, to shape their souls to know the true, the good, and the beautiful. Likewise, the excellence we hope to foster through Delta Tau Delta serves entirely to attain these aims.

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## Remarks from Kappa Chapter Advisor Peter Beckwith



**Kappa Chapter Advisor  
Bishop Peter Beckwith**

**S**unday, March 29, 2009, with the initiation of 59 Kappa Chapter Delts and the official Re-Chartering of Kappa Chapter, was a grand culmination of the last seventeen months for Delta Tau Delta at Hillsdale College. Re-colonized less than a year and a half ago, the young men who currently comprise Kappa Chapter have embraced a vision which is setting a new standard for fraternities on Hillsdale's campus. Initial rush for the purposes of re-colonization took place in October 2007. It was led by Brother Nick Goldsberry who facilitates expansion at the Fraternity's Central Office in Indianapolis. He utilized several Chapter Leadership Consultants from the Central Office (years ago I think they were called Field Secretaries), Brothers Jameson Root, Ken Herman, Mike Slaughter and Kyle Keefe, who worked magic on campus after the other fraternities had completed their rush efforts. A number of Kappa alumni assisted in the effort by interfacing with perspective Colony pledges on a field trip to the Central Office and a

reception at Savarino's Restaurant in Hillsdale. The result was 32 men completed the pledge program and became Colony members.

Spring 08 rush was as successful and perhaps more so. Going head-to-head with the other fraternities, the Delts took 12 out of 24 men going through rush. Rush last fall garnered two new pledges as the members of Kappa Colony opted not to rush first semester freshman. On Sunday, February 8, Kappa Colony picked up 22 pledges out of a total of 31 men receiving fraternity bids. That accomplishment put the Colony well over the on-campus fraternity average membership number which is required by the International Fraternity in order for a Chapter to be Re-Chartered. Delts now are the largest fraternity at Hillsdale.

Don't think for a minute Kappa Chapter took any shortcuts or lowered membership standards by adopting a "Somebody, Anybody, Everybody" rush approach. They did not. Instead, an effective vision was

cast projecting what every reputable fraternity intends to be. Outstanding young men, who rather than simply looking for some social outlet responded by choosing to pursue "Lives of Excellence," and donned the "Letters of Excellence" -- ΔΔΔ.

Hillsdale Delts are excelling in every area. Scholastically their grade point average for the '08 spring semester was 3.333. Though it was determined Kappa Colony was not eligible to compete for the inter-fraternity trophy, they dominated every other campus organization. Their average was higher than all the other fraternities and sororities, and it was higher than the all-men's average and the all-women's average. (The only group which did better than the men of Kappa Colony was the women's basketball team and that was by a mere one one-hundredth of a percentage point.) April 16. (Look for the results in the next "Kappa Klippings.")

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## Report from Public Relations Chairman Michael Sessions



**Public Relations Chairman  
Michael Sessions**

Please enjoy the April edition of Kappa Clippings. We enjoyed a very successful March as we finally initiated as a chapter. This was an exciting time for us. Further, in relation to that event I would ask that you enjoy the remarks in this edition from Chapter Advisor Peter Beckwith and Chapter President Trevor Shunk

Along with the initiation of our Chapter, we experienced several neat events. In the month of March we

were able to go to a Detroit Pistons game as a fraternity. We were fortunate enough to have a suite for the game after the Pistons organization sold a third of the tickets that we had bought.

Further, we were able to initiate the monstrous pledge class that our fraternity was able to pick this spring. This was an awesome experience for both the new members and the actives.

In the middle of all the neat activities that our fraternity was able to partake in, we also had spring break. To show true brotherhood we had several brothers take trips to Florida and Panama, respectfully.

With that, I would ask that you enjoy the remarks from both Chapter Advisor Peter Beckwith and Chapter President Trevor Shunk.

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The commitment of Kappa Chapter to lives of excellence has manifested itself in our scholastic performance, our relationships on the Hillsdale campus, and our service in the Hillsdale community. In the spring of 2008, Kappa Colony achieved the highest academic performance of any Greek house on campus with a 3.3 GPA, less than one tenth of a point away from a Dean's List. In the fall of 2009, our grades were even higher than the previous semester, which we hope will earn us Hillsdale College's Scholarship Cup this spring: an award designated to the highest fraternity and sorority with the highest academic achievement. On the national level, Kappa Chapter has over twenty Kirshner Scholars, a prestigious honor given to Deltas around the country with extraordinary academic performance. Our success in academics is drawn from the accountability that is fundamental to all our commitments, evident in our required daily student tables, academic accountability partners, and the relationships we have already begun to establish with faculty and administration to help advance our intellectual growth.

Along with our academic achievement, Kappa Chapter has become a powerful force on the Hillsdale College campus. Indeed, approximately one of every ten men studying at the college is a member of Delta Tau Delta -- a staggering number to consider in light of the mere sixteen months have been on campus. We boast an extraordinary number of Resident Assistants in the dorms, have a solid presence on Student Federation, comprise most of the male academic mentors, and lead many of the honoraries and social clubs on campus. Currently, one of the greatest advantages of our fraternity is the absence of a physical shelter. While some might consider this a flaw, our brothers have developed it into a strength, as you will find our men spread out through every dorm and apartment, active in every part of campus. I have heard numerous girls refer to Simpson dormitory, the largest men's dorm, as the "unofficial Delt house," a testament to the integrated nature of our fraternity within the student body. Along with our diverse residences, we

are always up the hill studying in the library or classrooms, or hanging out with friends in the Grewcock Student Union. Indeed, one of the qualities that make our fraternity so appealing to Hillsdale students is that while we share a special friendship as Deltas, every man in the fraternity is involved in different organizations and has different groups of friends. To go Delt is not to kiss your non-Greek college experience good-bye; rather, it serves to buttress the friendships and involvements that you hold outside of the fraternity, and even make them stronger.

Perhaps most importantly, Kappa Chapter has fostered a wonderful relationship with Hillsdale community through service at the Davis Middle School and Salvation Army. Through daily tutoring and hanging out at Davis, the Deltas have had a positive influence on many young peoples lives. Likewise, our fraternity works for the Salvation Army on a weekly basis unloading food and performing other maintenance tasks. Finally, our fraternity takes part in Meals-on-Wheels, delivering meals to needy members of the Hillsdale community once a week. For these acts of service, Kappa Chapter has been recognized on Hillsdale radio programs, the Hillsdale newspaper, and even at the Delta Tau Delta Northern Division conference with an award for the most outstanding community service in the northern division. For the Deltas, strengthening the community is essential to our vitality, and we take community service seriously as a fundamental part of who we are and why we exist.

Although our fraternity is grounded in its virtues and principles, we know how to have fun, and we have a lot of it. In the last year, our fraternity has thrown the two largest dry parties in the recent history of Hillsdale College: Club Euro and Deltmas, both of which tallied over two hundred and fifty students in attendance. Although a number of men in our fraternity consume alcohol, these men believe that holding something in moderation and abusing it in excess are two entirely different things. The best fun is not had around a keg, but in the company of good friends who will challenge you to live to the

best of your ability, even on the weekends. Lastly, thanks to the stunningly handsome Christopher Duncan and the charismatic Nathan Jebb, our fraternity is honored to have both the Homecoming King and Mr. Hillsdale in our brotherhood simultaneously, what I would like to call the "Delt Slam."

The national fraternity constantly reminds us that recruitment is the lifeblood of our fraternity. We believe this is true. Our fraternity is only as strong our weakest man, and the future of this organization will depend upon our prudence in deciding upon every pledge class we pick up, year in and year out. It is this very point that makes me believe that Kappa Chapter is strong and we are here to stay. Every month, our fraternity releases a newsletter called Kappa Clippings to interested alumni and supporters describing the activities of our brotherhood. In the recent addition, the newsletter focused on our outstanding pickup, which comprised of over 75% of all the men picked up by any fraternity on campus. The twenty-two men of Gamma pledge class submitted their reasons for joining Delta Tau Delta in this newsletter, which I believe powerfully demonstrate not only the reputation Kappa Chapter has earned at the college, but the quality of men we have been blessed with joining the fraternity. Brother Josiah Hersey from Los Angeles, California, wrote: "Being a Delt is a pledge to acknowledge the higher calling of excellence, virtue, and honorable conduct." Scott Scharl, from Troy, Michigan, joined our fraternity because he "sees the men of Delta Tau Delta as moral individuals dedicated to academic success and campus leadership. They share my own values and make a difference at Hillsdale College." Nick Youngstrom, from Cincinnati, Ohio, joined Delta Tau Delta "because they are the leaders on campus, very involved, and possess a high level of moral virtue. I saw the positive consequence of being affiliated with them and their ability to help me become a better student and a better man." As exemplified through these three men, our fraternity is attracting the best that the college has to offer, and in turn is provided with the opportunity to improve upon their weaknesses and sharpen their strengths

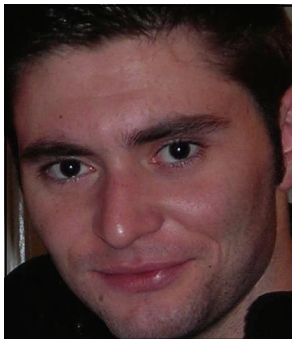


**Delta Tau Delta Kappa Chapter President  
Trevor Shunk**

as we hold them to a standard of excellence in everything that they do.

Kappa Chapter is deeply humbled and grateful for this charter, a great step in the right direction for a fraternity founded on the highest ideals. The privilege we have been given to write our own bylaws and fraternity constitution, as well as to establish our own traditions unique to Kappa Chapter, have allowed our fraternity to establish its legacy in permanent and immutable institutions. Plato tells us in the Republic that the beginning is more than half of the entire work, and I assure you that what this fraternity has begun is good, and will last a very long time.

However, I believe I can speak for every Delt when I say that this charter is certainly a great step, but only a step, and that what we set out to accomplish from the beginning is still a great distance from our reach. Our dream for this fraternity is to become a beacon for the Greek community, both on the Hillsdale campus, but also at the national level. If something is worth doing, it is worth doing well, and the work of this fraternity will not be complete until Kappa Chapter shines as a model fraternity for the entire nation. In this spirit, I would like to encourage my fellow brothers of Kappa Chapter with the words of the apostle Paul to the Philippians. He writes "Not that I have already obtained it or have become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of it. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the upward call of God in Jesus Christ." Well done men, stay humble, and keep up the good work.



**Brother John Ward**

**John Ward: "I pledged because I wanted to create something new."**

**W**e are honored to have John Ward as our Delt Spotlight for April. John recently won a scholarship for the most outstanding Business Plan in a seminar over Winter Break. Please enjoy this short interview.

*Tell us a little bit about yourself.*

I was born in Sebastian Florida and I have three sisters that attended Hillsdale College. They were apart of the Greek system as members of Chi Omega. Currently I'm pursuing a degree in marketing management. My position in the fraternity is Philanthropy Chair and I'm a IFC representative.

*Why did you pledge Delta Tau Delta?*

I first pledged the fraternity for different reasons than subsequent men had pledged. I pledged because I wanted to create something new. I didn't join for the brotherhood initially. I joined because I wanted to create a legacy. But the brotherhood has grown over time and I now feel at home. Also, I was inspired to join as my sisters' said that if I was going to join a fraternity then I needed to join DTD.

*What has been your best experience as a Delt?*

Hands day my best experience was when we picked up Gamma Pledge Class in Winter 2009. It was a day

that we completely dominated the male Greek system and we really poured all our efforts into recruitment and reaped the benefits of it. Not to mention the sweet limo we had!!

*What are your future goals and aspirations?*

First, I want to get a job. Whether the job is corporate or private sector I want something that will utilize my creative abilities and my interpersonal skills in a marketing or human resource environment. Also, I would love to be involved with a chapter of Delta Tau Delta as an advisor where ever I'm located.

**Pictures from the month of March**



**Delts dancing at the DTD Date Party which was the night before installation.**



**Delt Brothers Trevor Shunk, Robby Colgan, Ben Shelton, and Brian Steadman enjoying spring break in Panama.**



**Delt Brothers Drew French and Scott Scharl making a music video for the fraternity.**

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Far from being just studious, Kappa Deltas are well represented in many aspects of campus life by being Resident Assistants, Student Federation Representatives, Academic Mentors and leaders of honorary fraternities and social clubs. Last fall, the Deltas won the Homecoming Float competition with an awesome purple and gold ΔΤΔ tank modeled after the one in the movie, “Animal House.” In addition, the Delt’s candidate for Homecoming King, Brother Chris Duncan, was selected for that honor though he stood for election as an “Independent” because the Deltas had not achieved full fraternity status at the time. Moreover, Brother Nathan Jebb was named “Mr. Hillsdale” in the same academic year constituting what some are calling “The Delt Slam.”

Adding to the comprehensive dimension of Kappa Chapter is

their community service. Delt volunteers are assisting the Salvation Army by unloading food and doing maintenance, tutoring and mentoring Davis Middle School students through the Delta Tau Delta “Adopt-a-School” program, and facilitating Hillsdale’s “Meals-on-Wheels” initiative by delivering meals to “shut-ins” once a week.

Socially, Kappa Chapter has sponsored campus-wide “Club Euro” and “Deltmas” parties which were huge successes. This spring’s informal is being planned around a James Bond theme under the banner “Double-0 Delt.”

What’s been happening is truly amazing and is the result of a superb partnership of Delt undergraduates, Delt alumni, our Central Office in Indianapolis and Hillsdale College. Success usually is the result of an effective team effort and the Re-

Chartering of Kappa Chapter is a clear example of that truism. To all the participants of this admirable undertaking, I say, “Super job!” and “Thank you!” Those given to pessimism might suggest the current quality and direction is not likely to continue. Those people do not know the quality of the young men who now comprise Kappa Chapter, nor do they comprehend the commitment of those currently involved to not only “stay the course” but to improve on every front.

What a privilege and pleasure it has been to be associated with this grand project and all these great people.

**Delta Tau Delta  
Kappa Crescent  
Colony**

If you have any questions about Delta Tau Delta Kappa Crescent Colony or anything pertaining to the Colony, please contact Michael Sessions – Public Relations Chair – at [msessions@hillsdale.edu](mailto:msessions@hillsdale.edu)

## Donations Welcome!

One of the key aspects required for Kappa Colony to become Kappa Chapter is a solid financial foundation. Brothers are working on the operating budget aspects, while the Alumni Advisory Team (AAT) is working on longer term finances.

Your donations will be very welcome at this point to help build the resources for the new chapter to thrive. We have built on

the success of the initial recruiting process and wish to continue in all aspects of the Colony's goals.

If you wish to make a contribution to Kappa Colony please make your check payable to Hillsdale College and in the Memo portion of the check or separate note dedicate your personal check to Delta Tau Delta Kappa Colony. The donation must be mailed to:

Hillsdale College  
33 E. College St,  
Hillsdale, MI 49242

Additionally, please check with your company to see if it will match your donation through its matching gift program. Generosity is always rewarded! Many thanks!

Sandy MacMachan '61  
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